

TELEPHONE CALLS

June 16, 1959

Sam Rayburn called the President to ask him to lay the cornerstone on the East Front of the Capitol on July fourth - sometime in the morning. A 20 minute ceremony, they would want the President to speak five minutes. The President said he would take a look at it, and get in touch with him further.

The President called the Speaker back later to ask what time in morning -- any time from 10 to 12.

At 2:10 the President called Douglas Dillon, after having received a message from Prime Minister Macmillan. The President asked State to prepare a draft reply to Macmillan and that Mr. Dillon be over here at 6:15 to discuss the matter with him. The British Ambassador is to be here at 6:30 (he had been requested by the Prime Minister to see the President this afternoon).

In discussing the message from Mr. Macmillan the President made these comments:

That the idea of an informal Heads of Government came from suggestion that Herter originally threw out, which the British grabbed.

We can't do anything until we have heard from Khrushchev.

We have to look at Macmillan's suggestion -- the thought is that Macmillan suggested the President call such a meeting as a face-saving gesture (because if the President doesn't, Macmillan will).

That the most the President hoped for was a pleasant reply from Khrushchev; that if that much is not forthcoming, the President sees no place to go.

That the only other idea he had was to ask Mr. K. over here to see the President, alone.

